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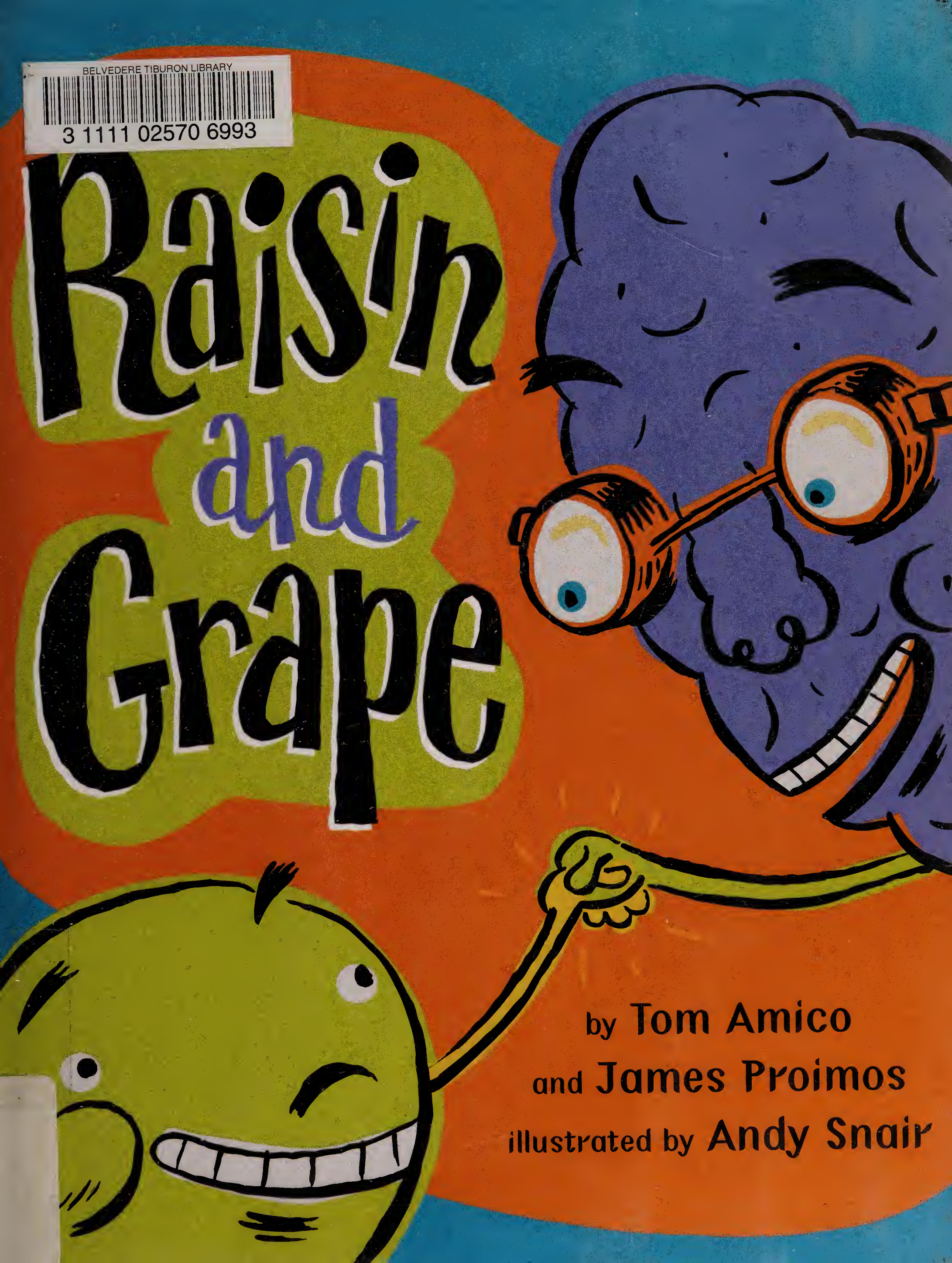

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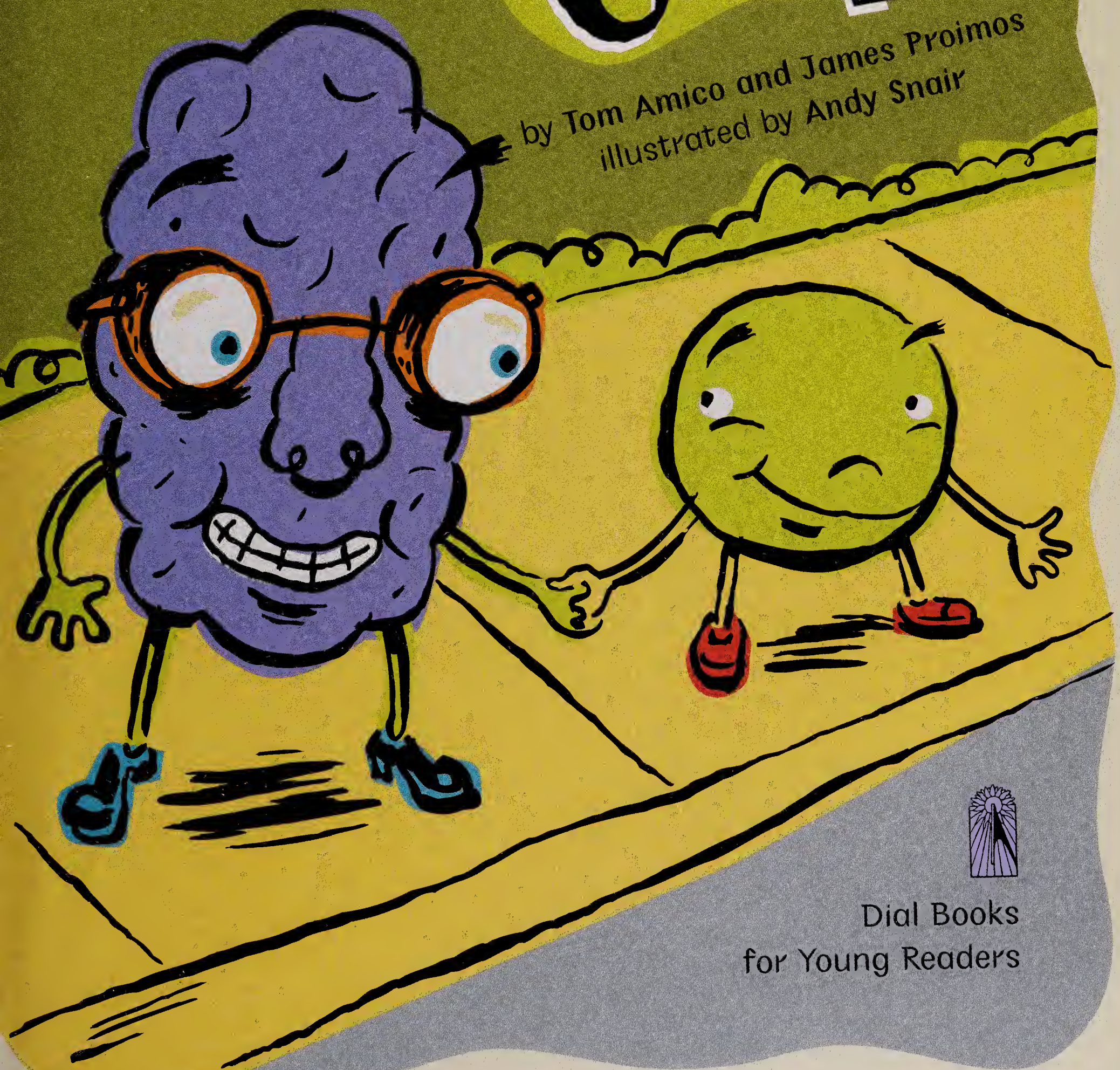

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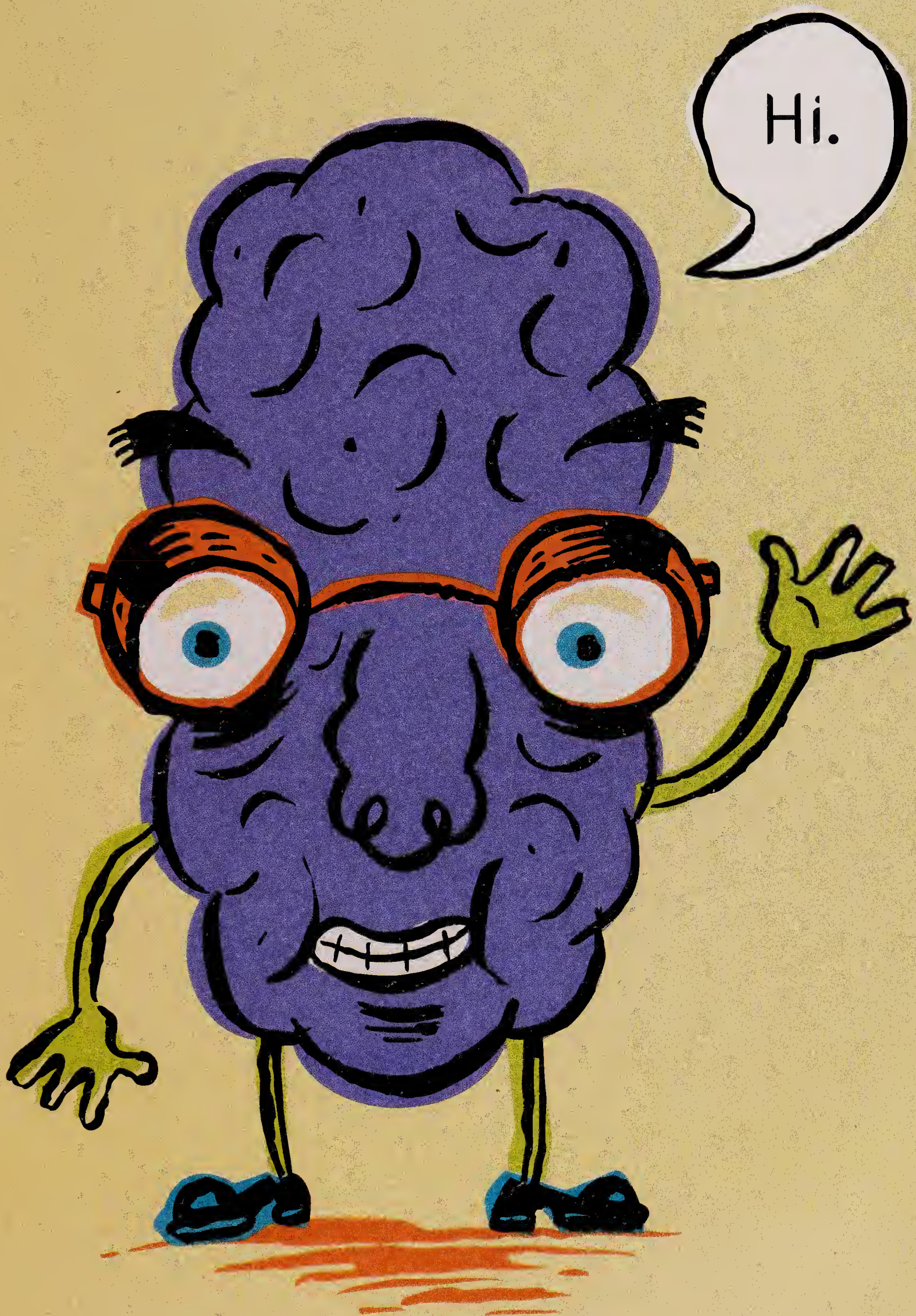
He's a raisin.
He's coming to visit me today.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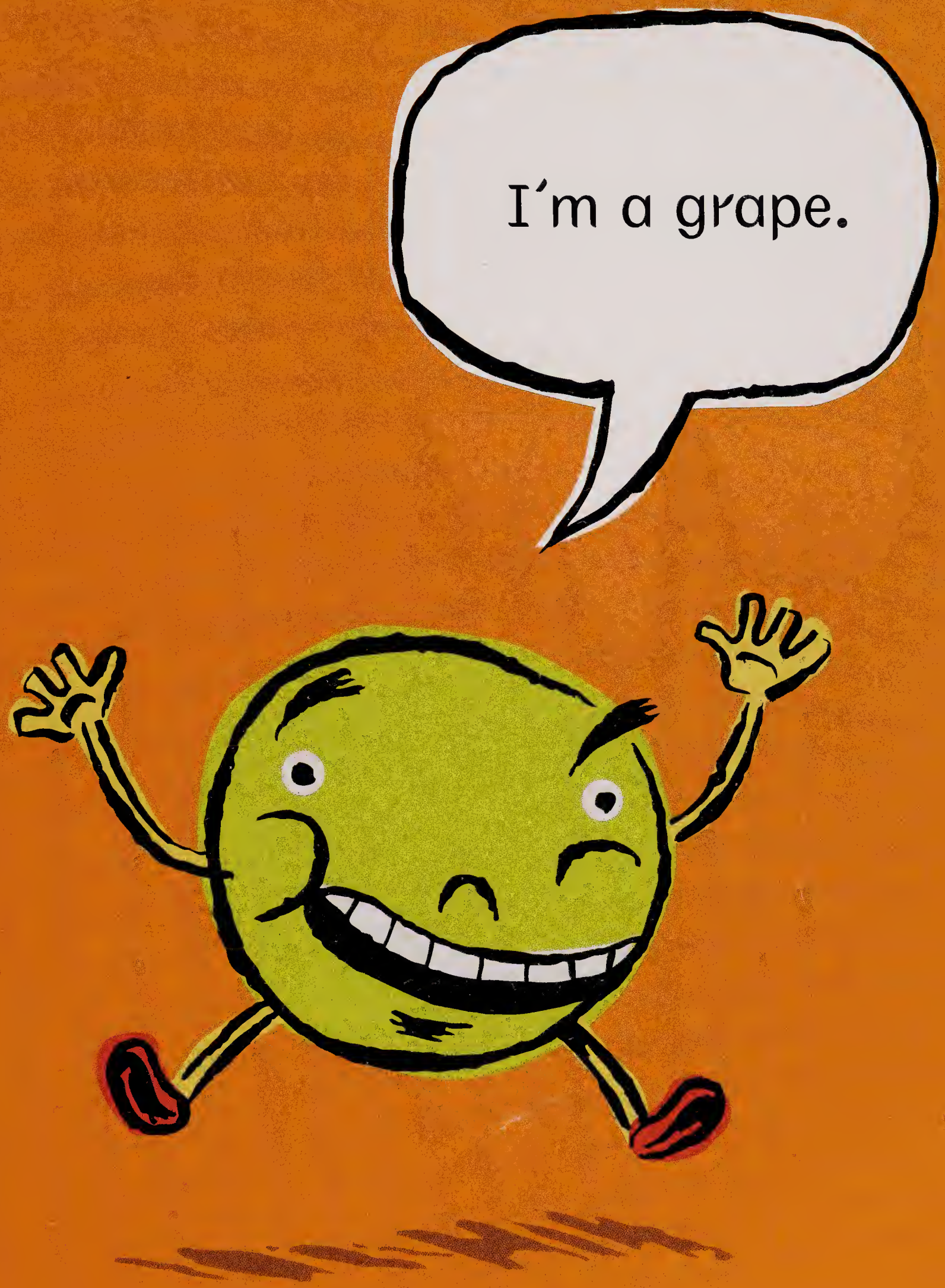
This is me.

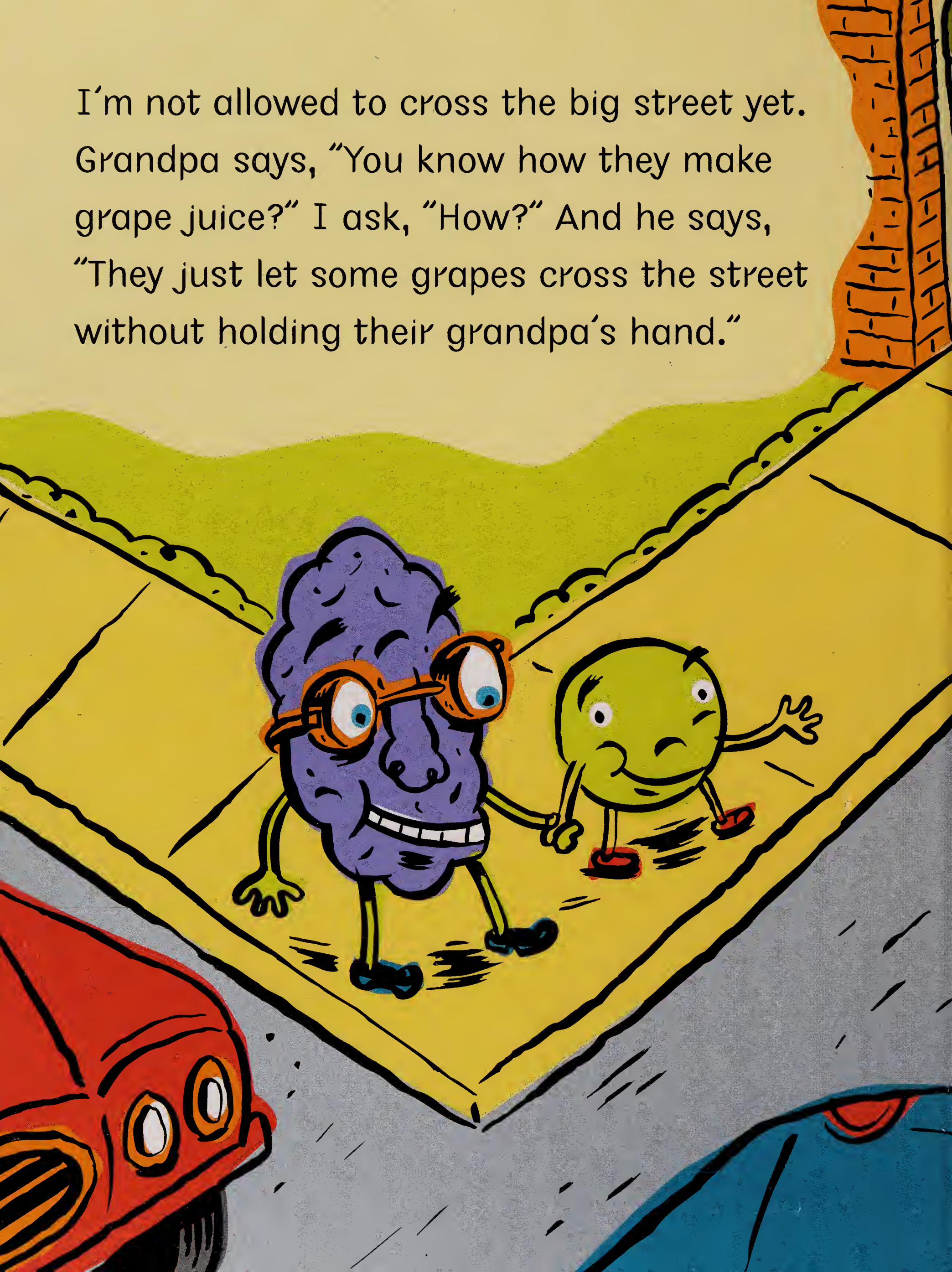

I'm a grape.

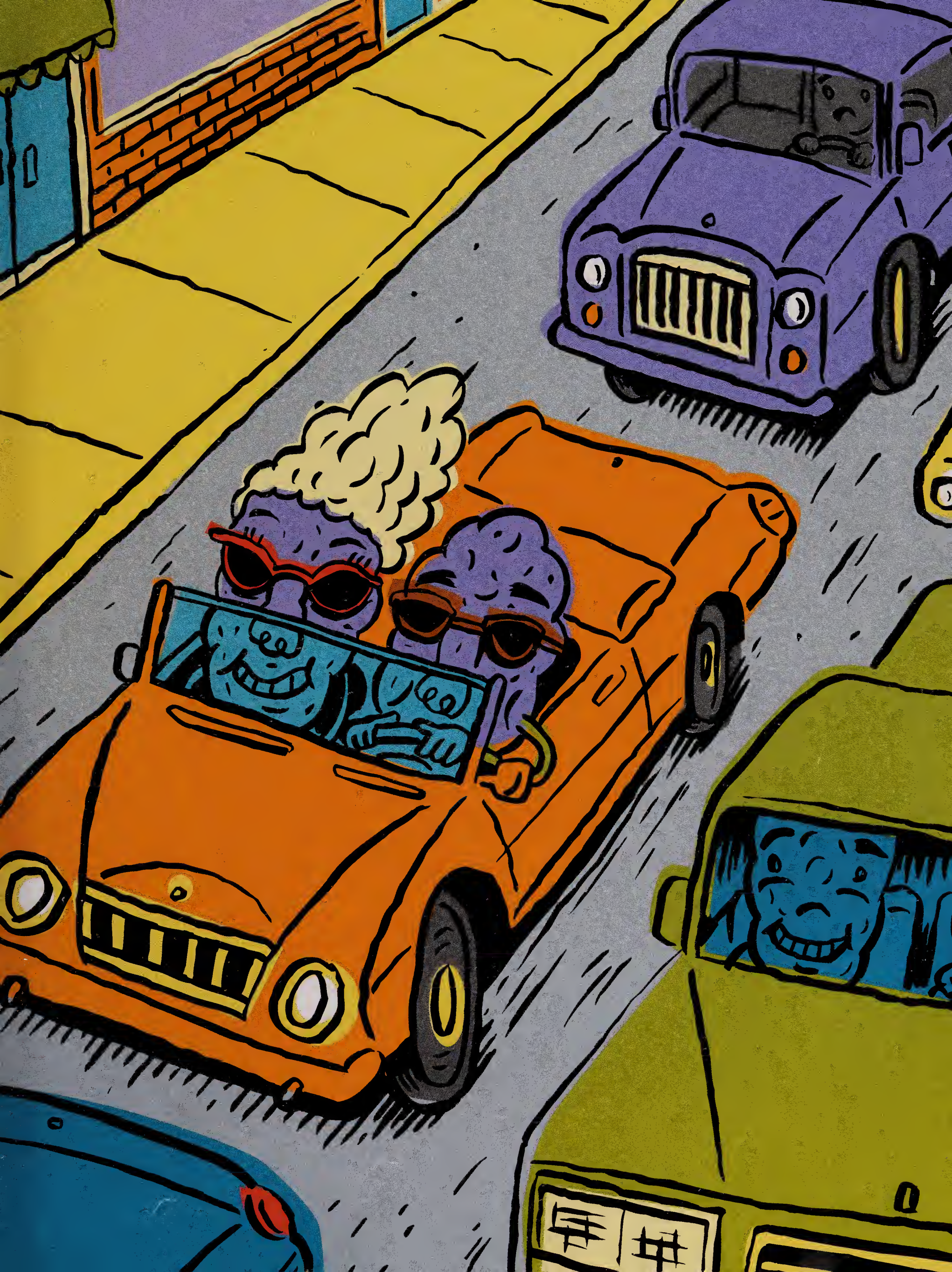
When I get old,
I'll be a raisin like Grandpa.
And I'll probably be a
king or something.

Grandpa will never be a grape again.
"You couldn't pay me to be a grape again,"
he says.
Being a raisin means you have a lot of wrinkles.
Grandpa must have a kazillion.
Awesome!

It's Grandpa's birthday. He's had a lot of birthdays. Grandpa's so old that he's been allowed to cross the big street for more years than I can count.

I'm not allowed to cross the big street yet. Grandpa says, "You know how they make grape juice?" I ask, "How?" And he says, "They just let some grapes cross the street without holding their grandpa's hand."





Today Grandpa is taking me to the park.

He walks slow. I'm fast.

But Grandpa's a good yeller. So I come back to him.

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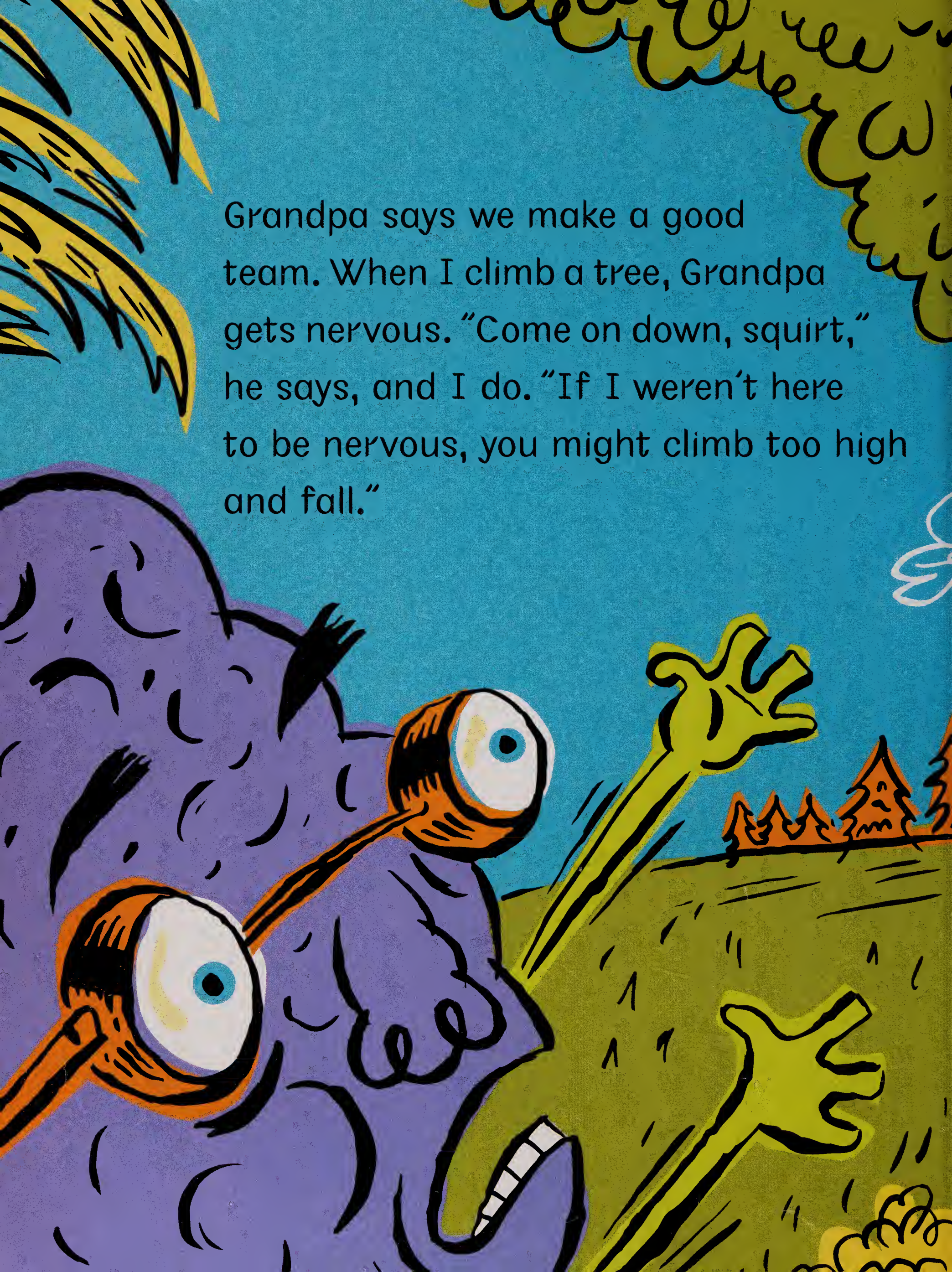
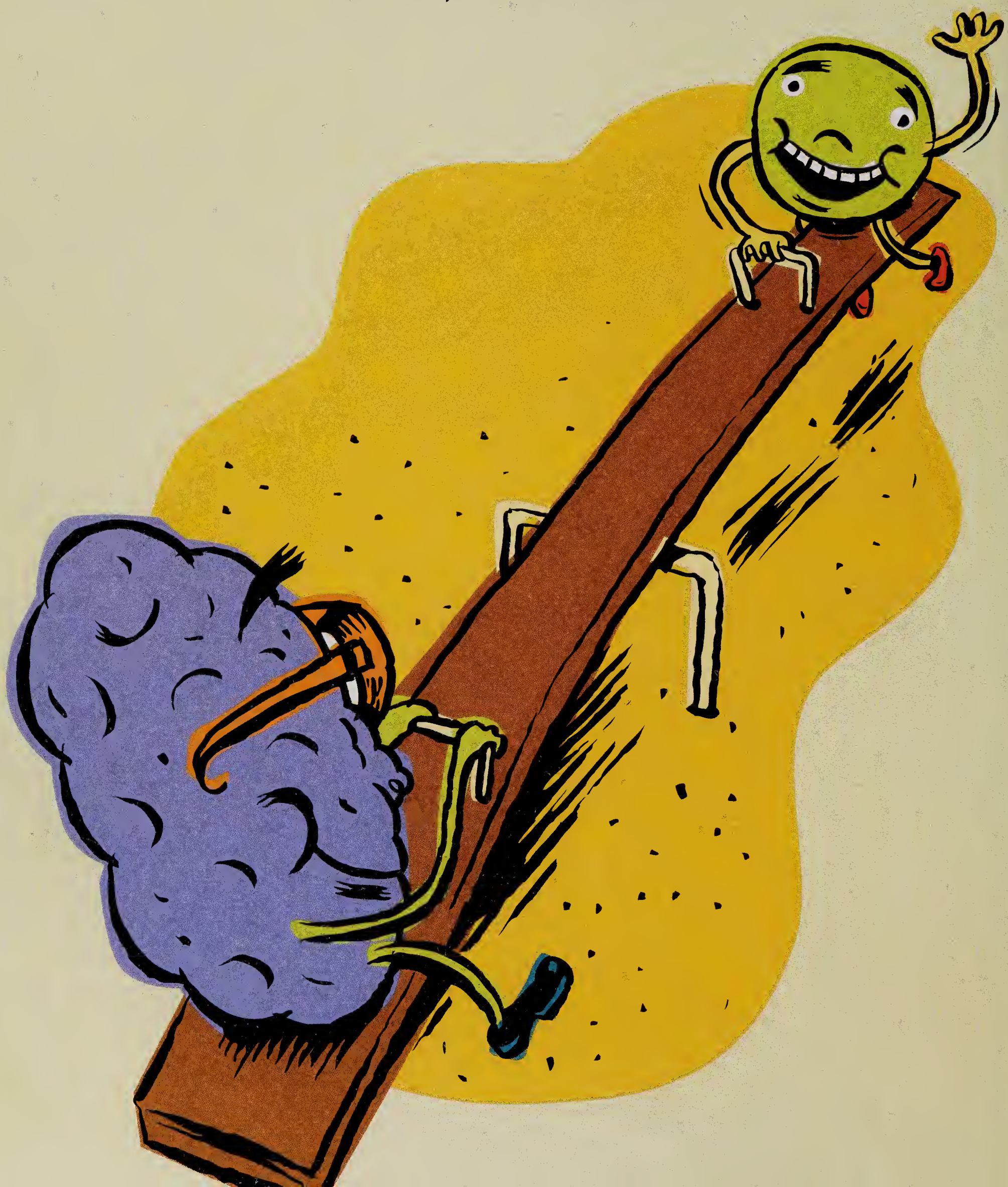
Grandpa tells long stories on the way to the park. I can only listen short. But I like the parts I do listen to. Grandpa has a kazillion stories. That's one for each wrinkle.



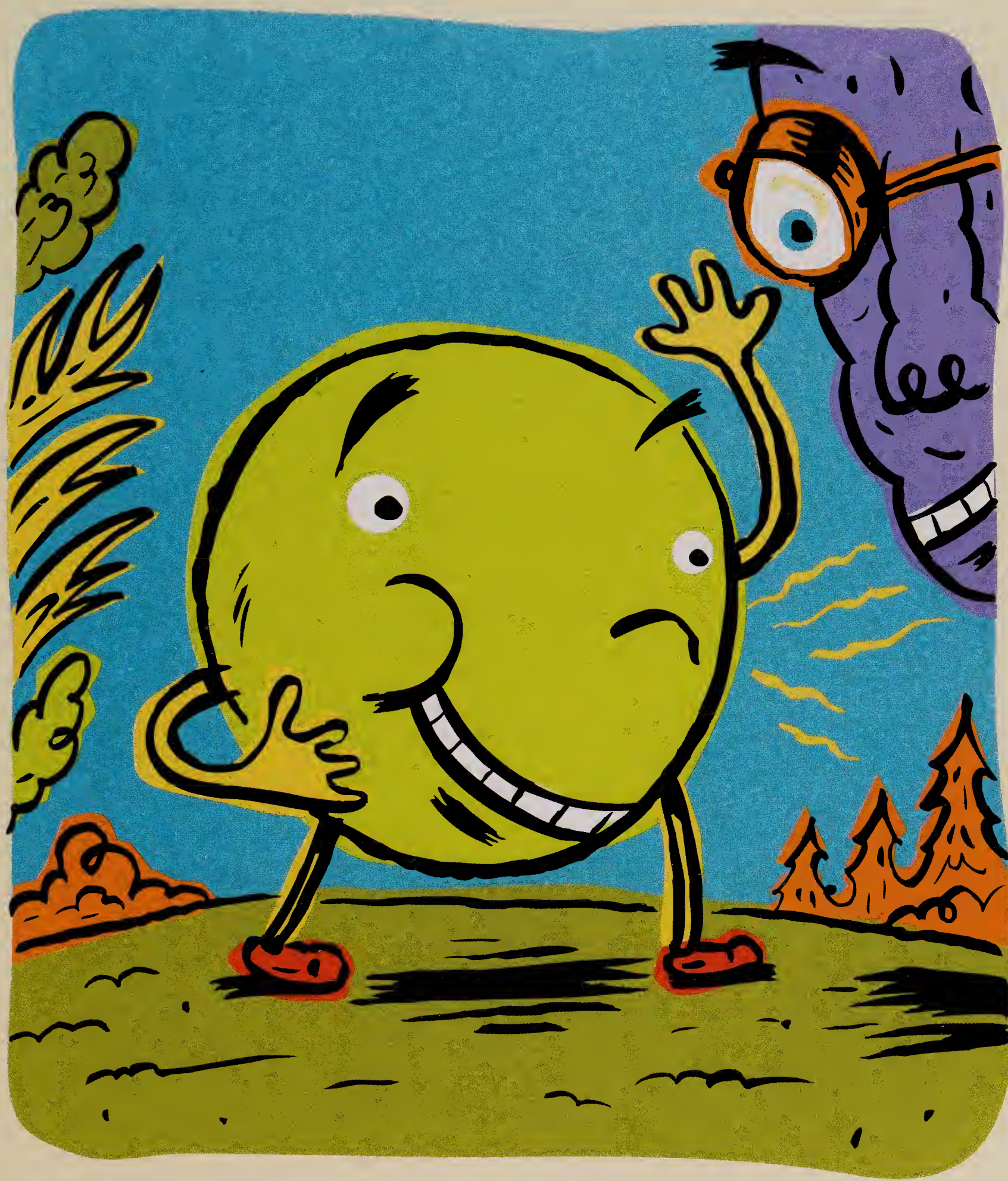
Grandpa says we make a good team. When I climb a tree, Grandpa gets nervous. "Come on down, squirt," he says, and I do. "If I weren't here to be nervous, you might climb too high and fall."

Grandpa teaches me about
life's ups and downs

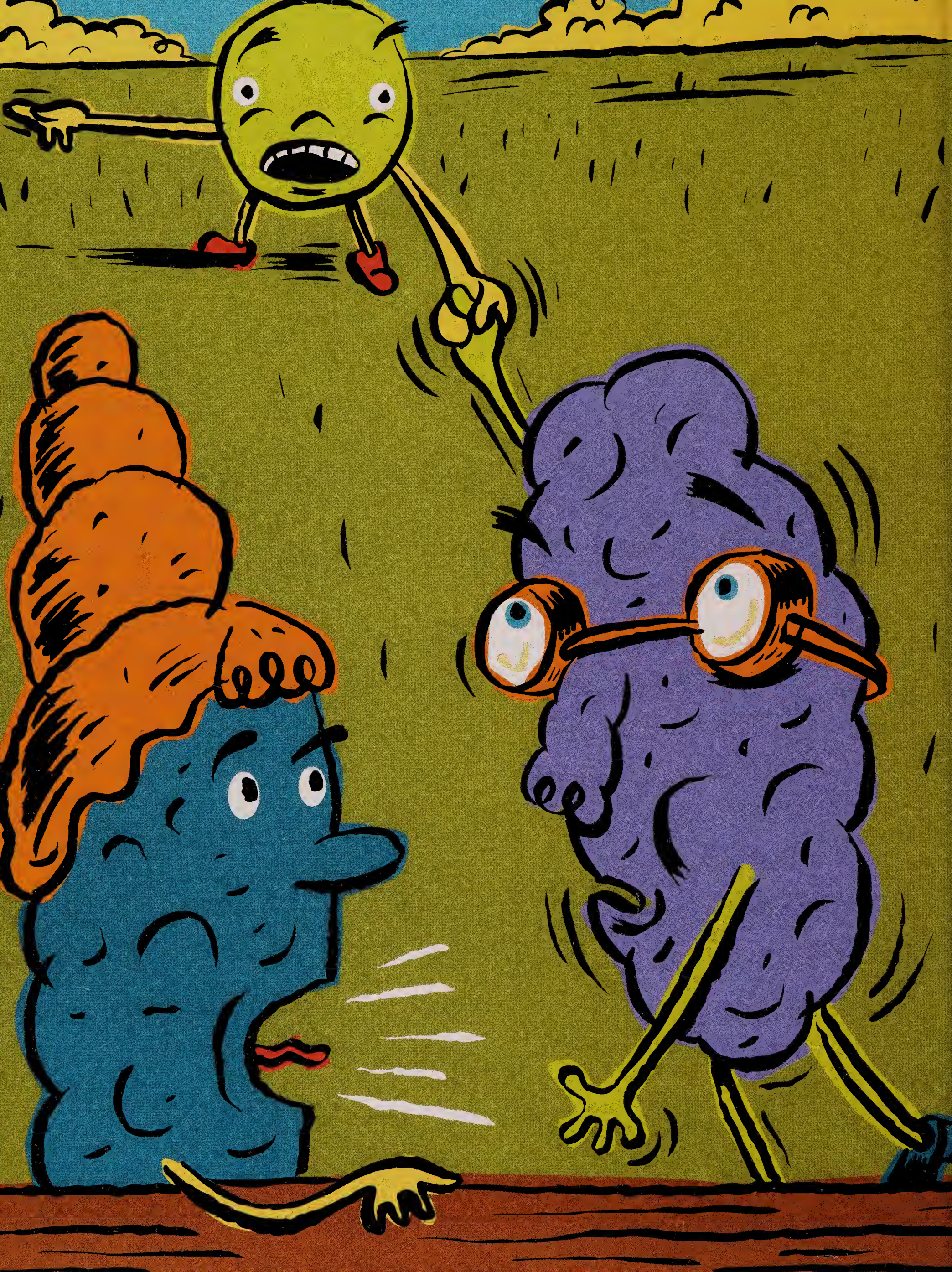


and taking pride in your work.

He reminds me to
stop and smell the flowers.
I would forget that without him.



I stop to smell my armpits.
"Fresh and clean," I say.
"Very funny," Grandpa says.



When the prune who talks too much sits next to Grandpa, I say, "Time to go, Grandpa. I need a nap." I pull his hand and Grandpa whispers to me, "You saved me again."

We make a
GREAT team.

We're from the same vine, after all!

On the way home from the park Grandpa says,
"When I was a grape, I was just like you."

And then I say, "When I'm a raisin, I want to be just like YOU—except king!"

And then we hug.
Sometimes a little too tight.

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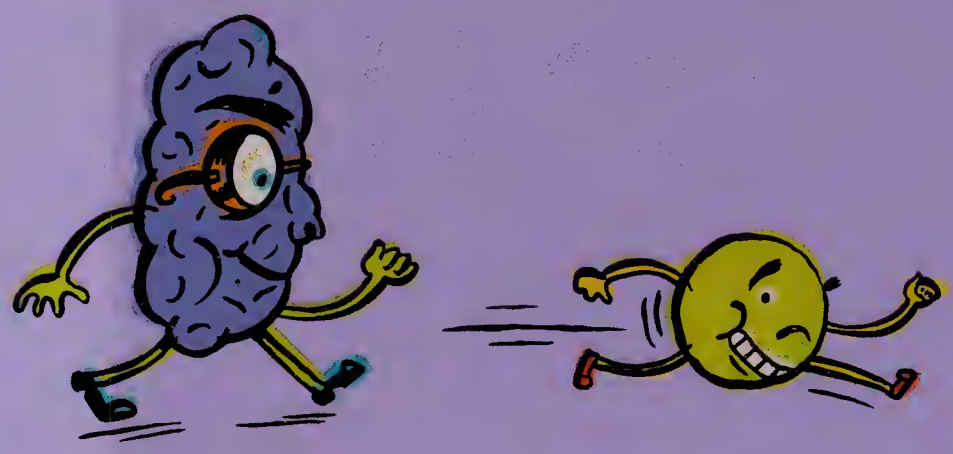

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This is the back of the book. A grape may not know that. He may need his grandpa there to tell him to start on the other side. That's only one of a **kazillion** reasons it's so great to have a raisin nearby.

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